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N. Y. March 7th 1834

I was happy to hear my Dear
Aunt you had rec^d. your note & coast safely - you
were right in your conjectures, that Betsey put
it up, she had but 15 minutes to do it & as
I was at dinner I did not see it, but I knew
it would be done in her own proper way.
Mary has been very much indisposed for some
time past, & it is thought advisable by Dr. Berge
to give her at once a sea voyage & change of
climate so that she waits W^ms. advice then
to go to New Orleans & Natchez if W^m should
not come by the 20th Inst. Philemon will go
with her, she is not ill, but complains of pain
in her breast & has a little hoarsening cough &
we think a sea voyage will entirely remove
it. - All the rest of the family are perfectly
well, Julia wished to go with Mary but I
am afraid of a warm climate at this season

for her & after debating some time I have
concluded not to let her go - besides it would
be so sad for you during your vacation, when
I wish you to enjoy the pleasure of her society
she is to ride this morning with W. Lyden, after
being up till 12 last evening at Madam Chegaray's
concert. we have most delightful weather, Mary
& myself are going to ride this morning for the
benefit of fresh air - Eliza & Christine have
vacation this week & enjoy themselves very
much indeed - I have just sent one to the
Milkmen & the other to get some note paper
for me. - my dear good Betty is invaluable
at all times but particularly in sickness, she
cherishes me so much & is so kind & attentive
I have thought of asking her to go with Mary
but have not yet quite determined. Grand
papa sent me a paper yesterday and my
Jackson up to the skies. I looked over it &
threw it aside & grieved that so good a man
should have been so much mistaken. Eliza^{thurs}
died & should have lived & they are very beautiful
I have invited her down here to receive them
Father has felt great anxiety about W^m & Eliza

& Mary's situation. I rec^d a few days since a
letter from Mr. Mienewitz in Paris which I
wish show you when you come, he regrets about
the P. wife &c. - I have not seen Mr. Rutjes
for a long while. - I want to go there when you
return. - next month I am to settle the accounts
of my children before the orphan's court &
shall be obliged to go to Newark for that
purpose. - we all unite in offering love
to you. nothing I hope will interfere with
your studies & that you will come out
bright as ever. I shall apprise you
of all that takes place here, W^m Anna
&c. - The weather is becoming so mild
& Mary is so much better to day, it may not
be necessary for her to go South this Spring
in the event of her not going you will see
her during your vacation & she will
probably sail soon after to France with
William. -

Be lieve me ever

Your attached Mother
Sarah L. Barker

W. Keen



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